

it physical, informational or technological. Jim's creation of an advisory services division has expanded the types of value-added services provided by the Office of Inspector General.

Further, Jim's efforts to train House Officers' staff on process improvement and to provide mentoring and project support, have allowed numerous House management staff to detect process inefficiencies and find ways to eliminate them. None of this would have been possible without Jim's strong commitment to training, transparency, and accountability. Jim's hard work and tenacity for thorough analyses have been vital to ensuring the success of the House's administrative and financial operations.

Jim's non-partisan collaboration with House Leadership and the Committee on House Administration has provided a solid foundation for the continued work of the Office of Inspector General. Due to Jim's leadership, we have great confidence that the Office will continue to ensure strong internal controls on the financial and administrative functions, will promote policies and procedures to improve efficiency and reduce the risk of asset loss, and will streamline processes and ensure that House operations remain in compliance with applicable rules, laws, and regulations.

Although Jim will be missed by his colleagues, we share the excitement for his new challenge and opportunity. As Jim opens a Christian school in an under-served area in New Jersey, we know that he will make a positive impact on the lives of many children. Jim can take great pride and satisfaction in the positive and important accomplishments made throughout his career. We wish Jim and his wife Joanne a joyful and exciting retirement, and we know that all Members of the House join us in thanking Jim Cornell for his years of distinguished service.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. BRADY,  
*Chairman.*

DANIEL E. LUNGREN,  
*Ranking Member.*

## NATIONAL MEDIA SPELL 'SCANDAL' WITHOUT THE 'D'

### HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the national media spell 'scandal' without the 'D.'

Recently, the mayor of Baltimore was convicted of embezzlement.

On December 2, ABC's "Good Morning America" and CBS's "The Early Show" both briefly reported the Mayor's conviction.

Both failed to mention that she is a Democrat.

The Baltimore Sun and The Washington Post both failed to identify the Mayor as a Democrat in articles at the beginning of the trial.

The media also were guilty of selective omission in their coverage of scandals involving the Democratic former governors of Illinois and New York, as well as the Democratic former mayor of Detroit, among others.

On the contrary, when a former mayor in Georgia was arrested earlier this year, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution was quick to point out that he is a Republican.

The national media should treat both sides the same, not show favoritism based on party affiliation.

## CONGRATULATING THE HARNETT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL 2009 VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

### HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2009*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Harnett Central High

School Trojans football team in Angier, North Carolina, for their historic season and trip to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association State Championship football game this past Saturday, December 12, 2009 at Carter Finley Stadium in Raleigh. Saturday marked the first time any Harnett County school has made it to the state championship game since school district consolidation in the 1970s. Harnett Central also made history this year by finishing the season with a 15 and 1 record, a record made more impressive because this is the first year the team has played in the 4-A conference.

I am extremely proud of the dedication, determination, sportsmanship, and discipline of this talented football team and its coaches, and they are to be commended for their drive and perseverance. The 2009 team members include Anthony Johnson, A.J. Hayes, Jarrod Spears, Mike Murray, Jeremy Wells, Logan Klauka, Ocean Stroud, Torin Walker, Tate Wheelin, Brian Taylor, Jevon Morris, Nick Corbin, Brian Baker, Lemonte Taylor, Dalan Snow, Jacob Hyde, Shag Long, Kendrick Rodgers, Rico Currie, Michael Vahue, Todd Hodges, Donavon General, Dylan Kinton, Joseph Diniz, Ethan Gardner, Eric Upchurch, Jared Crumpler, Travis Jones, Alan Swan, Landon Ellington, Zack Avrette, Carlos Salas, Quincy Wells-Johnson, Alvin McLean, Frank Vetere, Wesely Smith, Johnathon Hill, Caleb Baker, Max Ramirez, Abiye Fubara, Jordan Keith, Tim McClain, Darius Forte, and Brandon McLean.

Head Coach Marc Morris and his great team of assistant coaches, including Wayne Stewart, Bill Wyrick, Travis Gaster, Clayton Williams, Joseph Capps, Kenny Jones, Scott Riley, Rodney Ellis, worked tirelessly behind the scenes all season and are backbone of the team's success.

I am proud to have the honor of representing this outstanding high school and I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring these fine young athletes.